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“Man has no intelligent superior, no immortal soul. The mortal soul of man is the only intelligent lord of matter.”

—Richard Carlile.

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Our Policy Stated.

(By HENRY SARA.)

This may be the first copy you have ever seen of this journal. What do you think of it? You will notice the quality of the paper used; a lasting quality. Do you know why we use such good quality paper?—because we believe that what we have got to say will stand the test of time, and also, because, many of the articles being brought together from various sources, are of great historical importance. Once a person gets really interested in this monthly they prize each issue, knowing full well that it is bound to contain something of permanent value.

We have shocked all sorts of “emancipated” persons. We have shocked the Anarchists, by quoting Marx. We have shocked the Socialists, by quoting Bakunin. The criticism that we have urged against Trade Unionism and its officials, have resulted in a torrent of abuse culminating in remarks that can only be described as indecent, from the quarters at whom the attacks were levelled. Ask a Syndicalist what he thinks of this paper, and if you happen to be standing in the street at the time, you will notice the traffic gradually come to a standstill, when he lets himself go, on the subject. To the Industrial Unionist—well, we're all right, but we don't come out bold enough, and so on, through the whole gamut of “advanced” thought.

Now, then, let us just examine matters a little closely. If you happen to get sight of a copy of number one of this paper, you will find underneath the title THE HERALD OF REVOLT, the words, *An Organ of the Coming Social Revolution*. You will find it on every issue following that number, including the copy that you hold in your hand at the present moment. That's our *principle*, our *policy*, the fact we never lose sight of. All our efforts tend towards that end. The wiping out of the wage system of labour, by dispossessing the present holders of the means of wealth production. The bringing into being of a new era based upon the foundation that, as wealth is *socially* produced, it shall be *socially* controlled.

That is what we understand by the term, Social Revolution. A complete change, not a mere patching up, not a little alteration there, and a little faking here, but an entire removal of the social sore; the sore that gives rise to all the ills we suffer under existing conditions.

To lament the fact that it is a “big job”; that “we shall never live to witness the change”; is quite beside the point. Of course, the task is gigantic, but, remember, the trouble is also gigantic, and if we study the social problem long enough to realise that the only way to solve that problem is by attacking the heart of society itself, then it would be cowardice not to do so. Consequently, all the panaceas put forward by the various reformist parties to ease the conscience of the capitalist, are rejected by us. Our adhesion would be illogical, unsound, false, even though they do, as is sometimes the case, happen to disagree with things exactly as they are, even though they do not profess sympathy with our “ideals,” as they choose to style them. On these grounds we explain our attitude regarding Marx. Because all sorts of doctrines have been put forward by various self-styled or so-called Marxian parties, from the Abolition of the Monarchy to the erection of State Pawn Shops, that is not a sufficient reason why an examination of his *own* conclusions contained in his writings should not be taken advantage of. Because Bakunin was expelled from the old International Working Men's Association, owing to his running counter to Marx, that is no reason why his writings should not be studied for what they are worth. Because Trade Unionism is able to support out of its funds, men who are necessary to its existence, that is no reason why these men should “play” with the Union. If Syndicalism is, to us, a mere flash in the pan, then we must not be expected to waste our time over the subject, when we have more important work before us. If Industrial Unionism is not the be-all and end-all from our view point, that it is to our friends, then we must be excused from giving it our whole-hearted support. But let us hasten to assure both our friends and our opponents, that, although we differ from them in so many respects, we have our feet firmly planted on Mother Earth, nevertheless. Our position in the revolutionary movement is quite sound, quite logical. We do not shift our ground from one month to another. There is a continuity of opinion, of thought, running through this paper, since its commencement. Badly expressed at times, maybe, but still in conformity with the purpose of the paper, *i.e.*, advocating, explaining, the Social Revolution.

What is really the surprising factor to the critics regarding this paper is, however, its method, amounting almost to eagerness at times, in putting forward all shades of opinion, so long as they come within the scope of propaganda. All the subjects mentioned in this article and many others not mentioned have at some time or another, been dealt with in these columns, from the standpoint of the revolutionist. That, again, has a direct bearing on our policy. In most organisations the members may know just what the party press, and literature, chooses to inform them. Knowledge of other organisations, other methods, are discreetly kept in the background.